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New Fire Station Dedicated in Phelan

PHELAN – San Bernardino County firefighters serving the communities of Phelan, Pinon Hills, Wrightwood and El Mirage today celebrated the grand opening of Fire Station 10 at a ceremony where First District Supervisor Brad Mitzelfelt praised them for their service and resourcefulness, and welcomed them to their new facility.

“This modern, state-of-the-art fire station replaces the previous facilities, which consisted of two aging mobile homes and a metal shed,” said Supervisor Mitzelfelt. “Even though those facilities were not ideal, firefighters still accomplished their mission. I want to thank the firefighters who have served here for their resourcefulness and patience, and congratulate them on getting the type of facility they deserve.”

Supervisor Mitzelfelt was joined by San Bernardino County Fire Chief Pat Dennen, who praised the Supervisor for his commitment to the fire department and public safety in general.

More than 100 people attended the ceremony, including a number of officials from state and federal fire agencies, along with Hesperia Mayor Thurston Smith, Hesperia Councilman Mike Leonard, Phelan-Pinon Hills CSD members Al Morrisette, Charlie Johnson and Joe Fahrlender, Pinon Hills Honorary Mayor Nancy Cosgrove and Phelan Honorary Mayor JoAnn Tidwell, as well as other dignitaries.

The previous facilities were meant to be temporary, but remained in place for 20 years.

The \$2.8 million station is located on the same site as the previous Station 10 at 9625 Beekley Road. The 6,997-square-foot station will be able to house the fire engine, ambulance and up to seven personnel. New driveways and parking areas were also constructed along with a separate 1,800-square-foot storage building.

Supervisor Mitzelfelt also commented on the positive economic impact of the construction project. “I’m glad to know that we had the opportunity to help create several construction jobs for local workers. This and other County construction projects have continued to move forward despite the economic downturn,” he said.

The project was constructed by RIC Construction Company of Hesperia and took nine months to complete.